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NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANNUAL REPORTS**

**for the Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 1995**

**Town Elections: May 14, 1996
Town Meeting: May 15, 1996**

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Town Officers

Moderator

Michael Scott - 1996

Assistant Moderator - Walter St. Clair

Representatives to the General Court

Jon Beaulieu - 1996

Selectmen

Eric C. Nyberg - 1997

Andrew L. Hadik - 1998

Colin M. Costine - 1996

Administrative Assistant

Margaret M. Neveu

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Barbara L. Gagnon - 1996

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Carrie Boucher

Treasurer

Donald Parnell - 1996

Deputy Treasurer

Deborah Costine

Cynthia Tunberg

Fire Chief

Raymond I. Dolloff, Jr.

Road Agent

Carl Morin

Chief of Police

Alfred Wagner

Supervisor of the Checklist

Janice Jeans - 1999

Diane Dupont - 1998

Virginia Beaulieu - 2000

Trustees of Trust Funds

Cynthia Tunberg - 1996

Joseph O'Brien - 1997

Rhonda Furtado - 1996
(Gayle L. Sutton)

Library Trustees

Melissa Rossetti - Chmn. - 1996

Bill Bothwell - 1997

Lynn Rockwell - 1996

Rhonda McNeil - 1998

Mary Ann Marchi - 1998

Great Hill Cemetery Trustees

Wayne Towle - 1997

George Noyes - 2000

Steven Childs - 1999

Ernest Edwards - 1998

Walter St. Clair - 1996

Village Cemetery Trustees

Truman Britton - 1996

Ann C. Parnell - 1998

Wayne Towle - 1997

Wilcomb-Townsend Home Fund Trustees

Barbara Dolloff - 1996

Catherine Fogg - 2000

Isabelle Rand - 1997

Carol Sheehan - 1999

Cynthia Tunberg - 1998

Appointments**Budget Advisory Committee**

Dianna Charron, Chairman

Bruce Baker

Paul Kretschmer

Christopher Dyjak

Donald Parnell

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer

David Jore

Cable Committee

Ron Bath - Coordinator

Candy Menard - Asst. Coord.

Ellen Boda - Secretary

Civil Defense/Emergency Management

Scott St. Clair, Director

John Cadieux, Deputy Director

Scott Rice, Communications Officer

William Boynton, Deputy Director

Conservation Commission

Adam Thielker

Brad Wamsley, Chairman

Gladys Nicoll

Gregory Lowell

Evan Sederquest - Planning Board Rep.

Eric Nyberg - Selectmen's Rep.

Camilla Lockwood

Edwards' Mill Project CoordinatorRobert Pike

Forest Fire Warden

Raymond I. Dolloff, Jr.

Deputy Fire Wardens

John Bragdon
 Scott St. Clair
 Arthur Dolloff
 Ernest Edwards
 (Honorary Member)

Steven W. Child
 Bruce McLaughlin
 John T. Colman
 Jack Cadieux

Kevin C. Scott
 William L. Boynton
 Stephen Tunberg

Health Officer

Darrell Quinn

Historic District Commission Committee

Colin Costine, Selectmen's Rep.	Ann Powers	Louise Nutt
Anya Bent	John Rosetti	Diane Methot - Alternate

Library

Judith Balk - Library Director	Louise Nutt	Nancy Hoffman
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Parks and Recreation Commission

Debbie Burke - 1996	Greg Lowell - 1997
Linda Royce - 1995	Bob Henderson - 1996
Charles Needham - 1997	

Planning Board

Scott Rice, Chairman - 1996	Camilla Lockwood, Alternate - 1996
Richard Snyder, Vice Chairman - 1997	William Gregsak, Alternate - 1996
Stephen Landau - 1998	Anya Bent, Alternate - 1996
Evan Sederquest - 1998	Carl Rich, Alternate - 1996
Paul Difabio - 1998	Colin Costine, Selectman/Ex-officio
Cynthia Robinson, Administrative Assistant	

Zoning Board of Adjustors

Billie Maloney, Chairperson - 1997	Janice Jeans - 1998
David Hill, Vice Chairman - 1997	Charolotte Lister - 1996
Ricky Morrill - 1997	Janet Boyden, Administrative Assistant

Recycling/Solid Waste Committee

Andrew L. Hadik, Selectmen Liaison	Anne Pardo, Chairperson and Secretary
Paula Potter, Vice Chairman	Charles Myette
J.R. Stephens	

Secretary/Police Department

Vaughn Wright

Secretary/Bookkeeper - Selectmen's Office

Ruth Kaste

Cynthia J. Robinson

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

Andrew L. Hadik - 1999

Albert Hamel - 1997

Welfare Administrator

Margaret M. Neveu

Zoning Board of Adjustment

David Hill, Chairperson

Billie Maloney, Vice Chairperson

Nicholas Mathios

Janice Jeans

Bruce Flanders

Charlotte Lister, Alternate

Rocky Morrill, Alternate

Janet Boyden, Administrative Assistant

Richard Snyder, Alternate from the Planning Board

Honorary Appointments**Inspector of Grist Mills, Factories and Sawmills**

Ernest S. Edwards

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Robert Dolloff

Robert Buelte

Weigher of Grain and Measurer of Hay and Provender

Wayne Towle

Robert Healey

Town Historian

Evelyn Noyes

Surveyor of Wood, Bark and Lumber

Urquhart Chinn

Leroy Noyes

Keeper of the Town Pound

George Chaperon

Gertrude Nichols

Keeper of the Jacob Chase Horse Block

Robert Nicoll

**Consulting Engineer and Maintenance Supervisor
of the Town Chronometer**Scott St. Clair

Statement of Appropriations

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$27,990	TC
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	17,300	TC
Financial Administration	73,780	TC
Revaluation of Property	25,000	
Legal Expense	12,000	TC
Personnel Administration	19,300	TC
Planning and Zoning	50,650	
General Government Building	25,215	
Cemeteries	10,400	TC
Insurance	50,000	TC
Advertising and Regional Associations	1,722	

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	182,279	
Ambulance	25,000	
Fire & Forest Fires	35,000	
Bldg. Inspection	20,600	
Emergency Management	2,000	
Other Public Safety (Including Communications)	8,500	

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highways and Streets	167,250	
Bridges	800	
Street Lighting	2,100	TC

SANITATION

Solid Waste Collection	118,260	
Solid Waste Disposal		
Sewage Collection and Disposal		

HEALTH

Pest Control ACO	2,510	
Health Agencies and Hospitals	15,944	
Administration	0	

WELFARE

Direct Assistance	9,000	
Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	1,875	

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation	12,215	
Library	43,344	
Patriotic Purposes	250	
Other Culture and Recreation	7,950	

CONSERVATION

Purchase of Natural Resources - Church Ppty	28,000
Other Conservation - Conservation Commission	500

DEBT SERVICE

Princ-Long Term Bonds & Notes (Fire Truck)	10,000	TC
Int - Long Term Bonds & Notes (Fire Truck Int.)	3,722	TC
Interest of TAN	6,000	TC

CAPITAL OUTLAY**OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT**

To Capital Reserve Fund	11,000
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$1,027,506

SOURCES OF REVENUE**TAXES:**

Land Use Change Taxes	\$30,000
Yield Taxes	5,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	32,000

LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	175,000
Building Permits	17,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	6,000

FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

COPS Grant	30,000
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FROM STATE

Shared Revenue	31,264
Highway Block Grant	53,886

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Income from Departments	15,000
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MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Sale of Municipal Property	0
Interest on Investments	15,000

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

Capital Reserve Fund	0
Trust and Agency Funds	1,200

TOTAL SOURCE OF REVENUES \$411,350

Summary Inventory of Valuation

Value of Land Only	Acres	Valuation
Current Use	8,065.5424	\$ 591,408
Residential	7,780.9076	23,038,835
Commercial/Industrial	39.76	199,150
Total Taxable Land	15,886.21	23,829,393
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	(\$796,206)	

Value of Buildings Only	
Residential	47,874,000
Manufactured Housing	237,200
Commercial/Industrial	824,350
Total Taxable Buildings	48,935,550

Public Utilities	
Electric	3,778,350
Total Utilities	3,778,350

Valuation Before Exemptions	
Blind Exemption	30,000
Elderly Exemption	345,000
Physically Handicapped	3,578
Solar/Windpower Exempt	11,830
School Din/Dormitory/Kitchen Exempt	150,000
Total Dollar Amount of Exemption	540,408

Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed	\$76,002,885
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Tax Rate Calculation

		Tax Rate
Appropriations	\$1,027,506	
Less: Revenues	569,491	
Less: Shared Revenues	1,798	
Add: Overlay	49,789	
Add: War Service Credits	19,550	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	\$ 525,556	\$ 6.91
Due to Local School	2,984,300	
Due to Regional Schools	0	
Less: Shared Revenues	43,210	
Approved School Tax Effort	2,941,090	38.70
Due to County	188,890	
Less: Shared Revenues	3,597	
Net County Tax Effort	185,293	2.44
Combined Tax Rate		<u>\$48.05</u>
Total Property Taxes Assessed	<u>\$3,651,939</u>	

Commitment Analysis

Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$3,651,939
Less: War Service Credits	(19,550)
Add: Village District Commitment	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	<u>\$3,632,389</u>

Proof of Rate

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
\$76,002,885	\$48.05	\$3,651,939

1995 Bond Requirement

Treasurer	\$52,000	Tax Collector	\$ 38,000
Town Clerk	22,000	Trustees of Trust Fund	140,000

Balance Sheet
June 30, 1994

ASSETS

	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Current Assets		
Cash and Equivalents	\$1,396,978.00	\$1,440,868.00
Investments		254,644.00
Taxes Receivable	344,082.00	353,542.00
Tax Liens Receivable	217,025.00	194,579.00
Accounts Receivable		960
Due From Other Funds	878.00	1,575.00
Total Assets	<u>1,958,963.00</u>	<u>2,246,168.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Current Liabilities		
Warrants and Accounts Payable	8,296.00	10,473.00
Deferred Revenue	1,675,227.00	1,737,033.00
Total Liabilities	1,683,523.00	1,747,506.00
Fund Equity		
Reserve for Encumbrances	8,000.00	31,623.00
Unreserved Fund Balances	267,440.00	467,039.00
Total Fund Equity	<u>275,440.00</u>	<u>498,662.00</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$1,958,963.00</u>	<u>\$2,246,168.00</u>

Comparative Statement of Appropriations Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1994

<u>Title of Appropriation</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Unexpended Balance</u>	<u>Overdrafts</u>
Executive Office	\$21,200 TC	21,747		547
Election and Registration	14,600 TC	18,127		3,527
Financial Administration	74,400 TC	64,766	6,634	
Judicial and Legal	12,000 TC	10,150	1,850	
Personnel Administration	18,600 TC	16,346	2,254	
Planning and Zoning	11,625	9,659	1,966	
General Government Buildings	23,165	24,844		1,679
Village Cemeteries	10,400 TC	8,754	1,646	
Insurance	50,000 TC	40,358	9,642	
Regional Association	1,709	1,709		
Police Department	141,347	135,432	5,915	
Ambulance	25,000	25,000		
Fire Department and Forest Fires	34,250	34,583		333
Building Inspection	20,700	21,319		619
Emergency Management	2,000	2,036		36
Other Public Safety	3,500	3,500		
Highways Administration				
Highways and Streets	160,350	166,123		5,773
Bridges				
Street Lighting	1,800 TC	2,193		393

<u>Title of Appropriation</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Unexpended Balance</u>	<u>Overdrafts</u>
Waste Disposal	125,260	62,493	62,767	
Other Sanitation	200	28,162		27,962
Health				
Pest Control	2,125	2,059	66	
Other Health	15,694	17,777		2,083
Welfare	9,900	4,150	5,750	
Welfare - Intergovernmental Payments	1,368	1,368		
Parks and Recreation	7,500	7,599		99
Library	36,120	36,120		
Patriotic Purposes	250	250		
Other Culture and Recreation	8,665	7,861	804	
Conservation Commission	300	382		82
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	6,000	TC	6,000	
Capital Outlay - Library Renovation		13,175		13,175
Capital Reserve - 52 Raymond Rd.	22,000	8,000	14,000	
Capital Reserve - Mach., Veh, Equip	116,000	116,937		937
Capital Reserve - Revaluation	10,000	10,000		
Capital Reserve - Cruiser	8,000	8,000		
Capital Reserve - Fire Truck	20,000	20,000		
Total	\$1,013,028	\$950,979	\$119,294	\$57,245
Net Unexpended Balance of Appropriation = \$62,049				

Financial Report

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1995

REVENUES

Revenue from Taxes

Property Taxes	\$3,296,813
Land Use Change Taxes	37,551
Yield Taxes	15,435
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	60,412
Total	<u>3,410,211</u>

Licenses and Permits

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	278,440
Building Permits	22,420
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	5,889
Total	<u>306,749</u>

Revenue from State of New Hampshire

Shared Revenue Block Grant	80,845
Highway Block Grant	53,442
Total	<u>134,287</u>

Revenue from Charges of Services

Income from Department	11,331
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Revenue from Miscellaneous Sources

Sale of Municipal Property	34,032
Interest on Investments	25,608
Rents of Property	9,600
Insurance Dividends & Reimb.	21,982
Miscellaneous Sources not Otherwise Classified	6,262
Total	<u>97,484</u>

Interfund Operating Transfers In

Transfers from Cap. Res. Fund	58,434
Transfers from Trust and Agency funds	1,575
Total	<u>60,009</u>

Proceeds from Long Term Notes & General Obligation Bonds

50,000

Total Revenues From All Sources

4,070,071

Fund Balance

275,440

Grand Total

\$4,345,511

EXPENDITURES**General Government**

Executive	\$21,747.00
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	18,127.00
Financial Administration	64,766.00
Legal Expenses	10,150.00
Personnel Administration	16,346.00
Planning and Zoning	9,659.00
General Government Building	24,844.00
Cemeteries	8,754.00
Insurance not Otherwise Allocated	40,358.00
Advertising and Regional Association	1,709.00
Total	<u>216,460.00</u>

Public Safety

Police	135,432.00
Ambulance	25,000.00
Fire	34,583.00
Building Inspection	21,319.00
Emergency Management	2,036.00
Other Public Safety	3,500.00
Total	<u>221,870.00</u>

Highways and Streets

Highways and Streets	166,123.00
Street Lighting	2,193.00
Total	<u>168,316.00</u>

Sanitation

Solid Waste Disposal	62,493.00
Other Sanitation	28,162.00
Total	<u>90,655.00</u>

Health

Pest Control	2,059.00
Health Agencies and Hospitals	17,777.00
Total	<u>19,836.00</u>

Welfare

Direct Assistance	4,150.00
Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	<u>1,368.00</u>
Total	5,518.00

Culture and Recreation

Parks and Recreation	7,599.00
Patriotic Purposes	250.00
Other Culture and Recreation	<u>7,861.00</u>
Total	15,710.00

Conservation

Other Conservation	382.00
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Debt Service

Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	.00
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Capital Outlay

Land and Improvements	13,175.00
Machinery, Vehicles and Equipment	116,937.00
Buildings	<u>8,000.00</u>
Total	138,112.00

Interfund Operating Transfers Out

Transfers to Special Revenue Funds	36,120.00
Transfer to Capital Reserve Funds	<u>38,000.00</u>
Total	74,120.00

Payments to Other Governments

Taxes Paid to County	168,258.00
Taxes Paid to School Districts	<u>2,727,612.00</u>
Total	2,895,870.00

Total Expenditures	3,846,849.00
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Fund Balances (End of Year)	<u>498,662.00</u>
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Grand Totals	\$4,345,511.00
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Detailed Statement of Receipts - 1993/94

Taxes

Property Taxes	\$3,374,638.47	
Land Use Change Tax	34,628.00	
Yield Taxes	15,756.34	
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	26,614.85	
Total		\$3,451,637.66

Licenses and Permits

Motor Vehicle	277,098.00	
Title Applications	1,342.00	
Landfill Fees	463.50	
U.C.C. Filings	859.61	
Certified Copies and Misc.	260.00	
Canine Control	1,066.50	
Marriage Licenses	670.00	
Dog Licenses & Penalties	2,725.50	
Total		284,484.61

Federal Government

FEMA

State of New Hampshire

Shared Revenue	65,405.31	
Rooms and Meals Tax	15,439.65	
Highway Block Grant	38,318.38	*(see Misc)
Other State	325.90	
Total		119,489.24

Trustees of Trust Funds

Village Cemeteries		
Capital Reserve - Fire Truck	50,000.00	
Total		50,000.00

Charges for Services

Building Inspection	
Building Permits	22,419.95
Driveway Permits	1,055.00
Police Department	
Pistol Permits	745.00
Insurance Reports	540.00
Special Duty	
Court Fines	

Witness Fees	744.82	
Animal Control		
Kennel Fees	.	
Planning Board	5,890.00	
Zoning Board	420.00	
Recreation Commission	1,480.00	
Rent	1,400.00	
Total		34,694.77
Reimbursement		
Chester Public Library	231,062.83	
Chester Senior Citizens		
Total		31,062.83
Miscellaneous		
Copies	130.75	
Telephone Reimb.	15.61	
Current Use Filing Fee/Application	50.64	
Hazardous Waste	25.00	
Sale of Checklist	70.00	
Insurance Dividend	9,713.45	
Landfill Receipts	310.00	
US Postal Rents/Leases	8,200.06	
Reimb. on ballots from school	43.38	
Map/Index	160.00	
CD for Police Cruiser	8,387.27	
Return of Premium on Insurance	1,305.00	
Reimb. from Post Office for Inventories	.15	
Junk Yard Permits	25.00	
Accident Reports	150.00	
Refund for Town Retirement	769.80	
Comp. Fund. NH	10,963.57	
Waste Collection	672.75	
Tri-County Solid Waste Refund	995.00	
Jewell Resources Scrap Metal Refund	306.80	
PD Restitution	136.35	
Dump Gate Payment	181.80	
Payback Payroll - overpayment	21.50	
NHMA Return Contribution	85.00	
State Highway Block	15,123.28	*(see STATE)
Electric Refund	8.23	
Back Taxes - Sher Russ	34,031.78	
Photo Reproduction	40.00	

Fire Fighting Assisting	266.06	
Trustee of Trust Refund	877.99	
Comp. Fund of NH Contribution Overpayment	525.00	
Police for Dance	80.00	
State of NH Restitution	181.80	
Total		93,853.02
Subtotal		4,065,222.13
Other		
Interest on Checking	28,142.00	
Tax Anticipation Notes		
Total		28,142.00
Total Receipts		\$4,093,364.13

Detailed Statement of Payments 1994-1995

Executive Office - \$21,200.00

Selectmen Salaries	4,700.00
Selectmen Telephone	851.96
Selectmen Printing	88.00
Selectmen Dues & Subscriptions	991.00
Selectmen Advertising	231.00
Selectmen's Misc Expenses	22.15
Administration Asst. Salary	13,721.36
Administration Tuition Reimbursement	60.00
Administration Office Supplies	35.00
Administration Postage	405.12
Administration Mileage	98.66
Administration Books & Periodicals	500.30
	21,704.55

Election and Registration - \$14,100.00

Dep Town Clerk Salary and Wage	2,217.61
Town Clerk Salary and Wages	11,048.12
Town Clerk Telephone	308.89
Town Clerk Dues, Subscriptions and Seminars	15.00
Town Clerk Office Supplies	1,211.74
Town Clerk Postage	160.00
Town Clerk Books and Periodicals	213.00
Advertising	117.35
Voters Ballot Clerks	315.00
Voters Supervisor's Salaries	1,163.77
Voters Printing	614.85
Voters Office Supplies	32.29
Voters Meals	669.83
Moderator's Salary	40.00
	\$18,127.45

Financial Administration - \$71,500.00

Accounting Salaries and Wages	15,546.02
Acctg Computer Support	3,879.10
Acctg Telephone	184.61
Acctg Other Professional Services	6,435.00
Acctg Office Equipment Maintenance	1,886.61
Printing	2,216.32
Dues & Seminars	100.00
Acctg General Supplies	32.29
Acctg Office Supplies	3,571.50

Acctg Postage	1,870.44
Acctg Mileage	16.24
Acctg Recording Charges	231.43
Acctg Books & Periodicals	50.00
Advertising	59.95
Auditing Services	420.00
Assessing	12,758.40
Dep Tax Collector Salary and Wages	1,765.58
Tax Collector Salaries	11,048.12
Tax Collector Dues and Subscriptions	403.00
Tax Collector General Supplies	483.16
Tax Collector Postage	1,027.26
Treasurer's Salary	1,200.00
Misc	218.25
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	\$65,403.18

Judicial and Legal Expense - \$12,000.00

Legal Services	\$9,495.27
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Personnel Administration - \$18,600.00

FICA/Town Share	\$14,948.24
Medical/Town Share	3,496.09
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	\$18,444.33

Planning and Zoning - \$11,625.00

Administrative Salaries and Wages	\$ 5,868.90
Telephone	319.56
Contracted Services	186.00
Printing	634.80
Office Supplies	441.60
Postage	542.51
Recording Charges	354.00
Books & Periodicals	172.50
Advertising	745.91
Office Equipment	297.96
Clerical	95.00
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	\$9,658.74

General Government Buildings - \$23,165.00

Custodial Salary and Wages	\$ 5,245.62
Electricity	2,338.04
Heat and Oil	1,827.69
Repairs and Maintenance	6,767.04
Supplies	1,229.50
Groundskeeping	5,825.00
Equipment Maintenance	758.07

Furniture & Fixtures	400.00
Post Office Maintenance	498.20
Edwards Mill Electricity	36.21
	<u>\$24,925.37</u>

Cemeteries - \$10,400.00

Salaries and Wages	\$ 8,098.89
Equipment Maintenance	345.17
Gas, Oil, Etc.	132.44
Miscellaneous	28.87
Equipment	148.43
	<u>\$8,753.80</u>

Insurance - \$50,000.00

NHMA PLIT	\$24,636.00
Workers Comp	12,874.00
Other	2,847.95
	<u>\$40,357.95</u>

Advertising and Regional Associations - \$1,709.00

Southern NH Planning Commission	\$1,709.00
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Police Department - \$141,347.00

Salary and Wages	\$ 38,186.85
Computer Support	5,311.00
Telephone	3,607.94
Printing	461.00
Dues, Subscriptions and Seminars	570.00
Office Supplies	638.83
Postage	236.54
Books and Periodicals	577.58
Officers Salaries and Wages	35,080.00
Clerical Salaries and Wages	8,010.09
Radar Repair	112.00
Gas, Oil Etc.	3,975.14
91 Cruiser Repair	940.58
93 Cruiser Repair	2,524.44
95 Cruiser Repair	494.85
Equipment and Maintenance Auto	3,311.65
Training	3,155.67
Health Insurance	6,250.60
Retirement	1,539.91
Special Duty	210.00
Radio Repair	1,091.70
Radio Equipment	1,231.98

Uniforms & Equipment	3,371.45
DH Call	8,944.93
Training Supplies & Equipment	264.29
Crossing Guard	2,523.79
Office Equipment	1,704.85
Court Time	600.00
Office Maintenance	503.38
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	\$135,431.04

Ambulance - \$25,000.00

Ambulance Contract	\$25,000.00
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Fire Department & Forest Fires - \$34,250.00

Administrative Telephone	\$ 1,892.67
Electricity	805.43
Heat and Oil	462.65
Dues, Subscription and Seminars	867.79
Training and Materials	280.00
Dispatching Service	1,345.00
Office Supplies	90.00
Gas and Oil	990.97
Radio Repair and Maintenance	892.09
Hazmat Equipment	597.97
Radio Equipment	4,416.86
Uniforms and Equipment	1,855.14
EMT Supplies and Equipment	114.69
Repair - Vehicles	1,279.51
Equipment Vehicles	4,745.30
Medical Services	40.00
Building Maintenance	44.39
FD - Fire Fighting Equipment	1,449.30
Miscellaneous	7,263.39
Fire Fighting Labor	621.40
Fire Fighting Equipment Repair	184.95
Fire Fighting Equipment	3,891.00
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	\$34,130.50

Building Inspection - \$20,700.00

Building Inspection Salaries and Wages	\$15,675.14
Health Insurance	1,886.94
Telephone	411.40
Electricity	314.52
Building Maintenance	750.00
Dues, Subscriptions & Seminars	590.00
Office Supplies	223.70
Postage	40.00

House Number Expense	300.37
Mileage Reimbursement	604.56
Misc	82.50
Driveway Salaries and Wages	440.00
	<u>\$21,319.13</u>

Emergency Management (CIV DEF) - \$2,000.00

Equipment Repair & Maint	\$ 735.00
Misc	130.00
Equipment	1,171.10
	<u>\$ 2036.10</u>

Other Public Safety - \$3,500.00

Hazmat Mutual Aid	\$3,500.00
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Highways Administration - \$0

Administrative Salaries and Wages	\$4,501.14
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Highways and Streets - \$160,350.00

Labor	\$ 2,169.93
Telephone	406.19
Electricity	171.08
Trash Removal	192.35
Supplies	211.49
Signs	936.15
Gas and Oil	141.11
Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	4,108.11
Miscellaneous	959.70
Sand/Gravel	18,702.88
Plowing	13,201.50
Cold Mix	2,682.06
Culverts	729.80
Salt	13,856.81
Chipper	248.00
Dozer	306.00
Loader	4,235.50
Chain Saw	445.29
Asphalt	50,920.52
Backhoe	4,230.00
Trucks	22,147.50
Grader	4,870.00
Cold Patch	1,892.88
Tractor	11,575.26
Roadside Cleanup	1,040.00
	<u>\$160,380.11</u>

Street Lighting - \$1,800.00

Streeting Lighting Electric	\$2,192.92
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Waste Disposal Trash - \$60,260.00

Miscellaneous	\$ 599.10
Labor	10,556.43
Supplies and Equipment	6.29
Waste Metal Removal	103.70
Waste Oil Removal	90.00
Cover and Compact	26,000.00
Tire Removal	1,490.78
Site Work	68.40
Recycling Contract	19,983.43
Haz Waste Collection	4,969.90
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	\$63,868.03

Solid Waste Cleanup/Recycle - \$65,000.00

Engineering	\$28,162.38
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Other Sanitation - \$200.00

Dues, Subscription and Seminars	\$.00
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Health Administration - \$500.00

Health & Welfare Salary and Wages	\$.00
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Pest Control - \$2,125.00

Animal Control Salary and Wages	\$ 967.80
ACO Telephone	283.98
ACO Veterinary Services	120.00
ACO Kennel Fees	315.00
ACO Animal Rescue League	15.00
ACO Supplies	338.99
ACO Miscellaneous	18.00
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	\$2,058.77

Other Health - \$15,194.00

Center for Life Management	\$ 3,446.00
Hospice & VNA	10,198.00
Rockingham Counseling Center	300.00
Caregivers Program	750.00
Sexual Assault Services	533.00
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	\$15,227.00

Welfare - Direct Assistance - \$9,900.00

Telephone	\$ 128.47
Electricity	1,434.79
Fuel	109.35
Groceries	98.97
Rent	2,378.00
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	\$4,149.58

Welfare - Intergovernmental - \$1,368.00

Community Action Program	\$1,218.00
Meals on Wheels	150.00
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	\$1,368.00

Parks and Recreation - \$7,500.00

Salary and Wages	\$3,755.00
Telephone	219.15
Contracted Services	1,229.00
Electricity	563.23
Facilities Maintenance/Repair	90.00
Trash Removal	307.76
Portables	460.00
Supplies and Equipment	425.03
Improv/Add Rec Facilities	550.00
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	\$7,599.17

Library - \$36,120.00

Chester Public Library	\$36,120.00
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Patriotic Purposes - \$250.00

American Legion	\$ 150.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
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	\$ 250.00

Historic District Commission - \$200.00**Cable TV - \$6,465.00**

Telephone	\$260.30
Electricity	629.02
Bldg Supplies	81.85
Cable Postage	10.95
Equipment	5,838.66
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	\$6,820.75

Chester Senior Citizens - \$2,000.00

Chester Senior Citizens	\$2,000.00
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Conservation Commission - \$300.00

Dues and Seminars	\$282.48
Miscellaneous	100.00
	<u>\$382.48</u>

Principal - Long Term Notes - \$100,000.00

Principal - Tan	\$.00
Principal - Fire Truck Bond	100,937.00
	<u>\$100,937.00</u>

Debt Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes - \$6,000.00

Debt Int. Tan	\$.00
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Capital Outlay - Machinery, Vehicles, Equip. - \$16,000.00

Police Cruiser	\$16,000.00
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Capital Outlay - Building - \$22,000.00

Library Renovation	\$ 8,000.00
52 Raymond Road Property	9,325.00
	<u>\$17,325.00</u>

Capital Reserve Funds - \$38,000.00

Revaluation	\$10,000.00
Police Cruiser	8,000.00
Fire Truck	20,000.00
	<u>\$38,000.00</u>

Payments to Other Governments

Taxes Paid to County	\$ 168,258.00
Payments to School	2,727,612.00
Fees Paid to State	156.00
	<u>\$2,896,026.00</u>

Discount Abatements Refunds - \$0

Discounts	\$ 881.24
Abatements	20,733.56
Refunds	25,544.10
T Clerk Refunds	106.00
Taxes Bought by Town	162,265.16
	<u>\$209,530.06</u>

Library Fund - \$0

Salaries and Wages	\$27,036.72
Total Payments	<u>\$4,079,931.52</u>

Total Budgeted \$1,013.028.00

Town Clerk's Report
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1995

Cash on Hand (7/1/94)		\$	300.00
Receipts:			
3,783 Motor Vehicle Permits			277,098.00
Title Applications			1,342.00
Town Fees:			
Landfill	\$463.00		
UCC's & Misc.	859.61		
Certified Copies & Misc.	260.00		
Canine Control and Parking Tickets	1,066.50		
Marriage Licenses	670.00		3,319.11
Dog Licenses			2,652.00
Dog Penalties			73.50
Total Receipts			<u>284,484.61</u>
Payments to Treasurer			<u>284,484.61</u>
Cash on Hand (6/30/95)			300.00

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara L. Gagnon
Town Clerk of Chester, NH

Tax Collector's Report

Year Ending 6/30/95

DEBITS

	1995	Levies of 1994	1993
Uncollected Taxes			
Beginning of Year			
Property Taxes		\$354,081.66	
Land Use Change			\$3,720.00
Yield Taxes			771.30
Revenues Committed			
This Year			
Property Taxes	\$1,739,024.88	1,662,946.06	
Land Use Change		37,551.00	
Yield Taxes		19,033.05	
Overpayments:			
Property Taxes	6,820.26	14,695.34	
Interest Collected			
On Delinquent Tax		26,544.63	70.22
Total Debits	\$1,745,845.14	\$2,114,851.74	\$4,561.52

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer			
During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	\$1,368,671.27	\$2,005,967.20	
Land Use Change		30,908.00	3,720.00
Yield Taxes		14,985.04	771.30
Interest		26,544.63	70.22
Overpayments	6,820.26	14,695.34	
Discounts Allowed	8,455.09	8,053.91	
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	357.00	.33	
Yield Taxes		3,597.93	

Uncollected Revenue**End of Year:**

Property Taxes	361,541.52	3,006.82
Land Use Change		6,643.00
Yield Taxes		450.08

Total Credits	\$1,745,845.14	\$2,114,851.74	\$4,561.52
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Summary of Tax Sales/Tax Lien Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1995

	Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levies of			
	1994	1993	1992	91/Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of Fiscal Year		155,556.69	65,268.40	1,708.87
Leins Executed During Fiscal Year:	162,265.16			
Interest & Cost Collected After Lien Execution	1,899.18	11,462.94	19,431.90	1,003.00
Total Debits	164,164.34	167,019.63	84,700.30	2,711.87

CREDITS**Remittance to Treasurer****During Fiscal Year:**

Redemption	43,786.45	78,019.99	62,965.13	1,160.17
Interest /Cost (After Lien Exec.)	1,899.18	11,462.94	19,431.90	1,003.00
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes		244.91		
Liens <u>Deeded</u> to Municipalities	650.41	665.01	1,491.67	
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	117,828.30	76,626.78	811.60	548.70

Total Credits	\$164,164.34	\$167,019.63	\$84,700.30	\$2,711.87
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Plodzik & Sanderson Professional Association

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To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Chester
Chester, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Chester as of and for the year ended June 30, 1995, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1B, the general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Chester as of June 30, 1995, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Chester. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

November 15, 1995

Financial Statements and Management Letter are available for inspection at the Selectmen's Office during business hours.

**Special Town Meeting
Town Warrant
State of New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, NH in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall in said Chester on Friday the fifteenth of March next, at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following:

Article #1. "the undersigned legal voters of the town request that you call a special town meeting to act upon the following subjects: Are you in favor of reclassifying the following described portion of Stowe Road from a class VI highway to a class V highway with the condition that all costs and expenses to upgrade Stowe Road shall be paid by Turnagain, LLC and/or Michael Babin. The proposed reclassification of Stowe Road shall be from the intersection of Stowe Road and Old Sandown Road to the proposed intersection of Stowe Road and Bittersweet Lane, all as shown on a Plan entitled subdivision of land located in Chester, NH to be known as Turnagain Estates as drawn for Turnagain LLC. Said Plan being on file with the Chester Planning Board." (Petition on file)

Article #2. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and seal, this 26th day of February in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

The Chester Board of Selectmen
Chester, New Hampshire
Colin M. Costine, Chairman
Eric C. Nyberg, Selectman
Andrew L. Hadik, Selectman

We, the undersigned, Board of
Selectmen of the Town of Chester,
do hereby certify that a true copy of
this warrant was posted today, 2/29/
96, at 10:30 a.m. at the Town Hall
and the Post Office. We further cer-
tify that it was published in the news-
paper according to RSA 39:4.
Colin M. Costine, Chairman
Eric C. Nyberg, Selectman
Andrew L. Hadik, Selectman

Special Town Meeting for Stowe Road

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Moderator, Michael Scott. There were over 300 people present.

The Moderator introduced Mr. Babin and his attorney Mr. Buswell. Mr. Babin spoke about how he wanted to only open up 790 feet of the road to do his project.

Colin Costine introduced Scott Rice from the Planning Board to explain the reasons why the board did not approve this and that they were not dragging there feet about this.

Mrs. Maloney, Mrs. Larkin and Mrs. Nicoll spoke to everyone about the effect of opening up a Class VI road and what there feelings were about the effect it would have on the Town as we know it today and its effects for the future.

Mr. Andrew Hadik spoke about the 5 reasons why the Board of Selectmen were opposed to petition.

The Moderator asked if there were questions from anyone upstairs in the Town Hall or down stairs where the hall was full. There were really very few questions from the people.

Mr. Dupont made a motion and it was seconded to call the question. The Moderator explain that there was a motion to have this article go to secret ballot.

Ballots were passed out and the results are as follows:

Yes vote to open the Class VI Road	29
No vote would not open the Road	267

The petition was defeated.

The meeting was recorded by the cable station and a copy of the tape is on file with the Town Clerk for those interested in viewing it.

The meeting was adjourn at 8:26 P.M.

A true record attest:

Barbara L. Gagnon

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Chester Budget Advisory Committee Report

The Budget Advisory Committee met with the Selectmen to review the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997. Chester is facing several serious problems this year. We have 4 Warrant Articles this year that will require a ballot with 2/3 majority vote to pass. You will be given several figures at town meeting about the overall impact of each proposal over the life of the bonds, we would like to address the cost to the town this fiscal year.

LANDFILL CLOSURE:

The only additional cost for this fiscal year is an increase of \$20,000 for the lease of a waste compaction and storage equipment. This is an increase of \$.26 on our tax rate.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX:

The principal and interest on the \$1,273,500 note for this year will be \$143,000., which is an increase of \$1.88. This budget does not have any increase built into it for the operating costs of the new building if it is voted.

35 RAYMOND ROAD PROPERTY:

This principal and interest on the \$200,000. note for this year will be \$28,020. which is an increase of \$.37. This budget does not have any increase built into it for the operating costs of the new building if it is voted.

The budget itself represents increases that total more than \$1.00 on the tax rate. We should give very serious consideration to each of the Bonding articles this year, remember that the changes that you are voting on at this town meeting are Permanent increases to our tax rate. We should put our priorities in order and vote on the things that are Needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianna Charron, Chairman
Christopher Dyjak
Don Parnell
Dutch Kretchmer
Bruce Baker

Town Warrant

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, N.H. in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall in said Chester on Tuesday the fourteenth of May next, at 10:00 in the forenoon to act on Article #1 - 6. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.. After ballots are counted, the meeting is adjourned until Wednesday, May 15, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Chester Elementary School. Articles #7 through Article #30 will be taken up at that time.

Article #1. To choose all necessary Town Officials for the ensuing year.

Article #2. To vote on the following: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by Petition to amend the zoning ordinance to allow as follows:

Article 6.1.8.1 - Open Space

A commercial use, specifically a golf course, in the open space of a clustered housing development. (Planning Board Disapproves)

Article #3. To vote on the following: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by Petition to amend the zoning ordinance to allow as follows:

Article 5.3.3.8 - Special Exception Uses

A commercial use, specifically a golf course, anywhere in town (Planning Board Disapproves)

Article #4. To vote on the following: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the zoning ordinance as follows:

Article 7: Minor revisions to help clarify the clustering for low-moderate income housing.

Article #5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the zoning ordinance as follows:

1. Amendments are proposed throughout the ordinance to correct typographical errors, update statutory references and change the numbering and cross-references of sections as required by other amendments.
2. Amend Articles 2.33 and 5.6.2.3 by changing the word “qualified” to certified”.
3. Amend Article 3.2.1 by removing the word, “several” and adding “s” to the word “district”.
4. Replace existing zoning map with a revised 1996 zoning map.
5. Amend Article 4.5.2.2 by ending the sentence after “...shall apply.” and deleting sections a) and b).
6. Amend Article 4.5.2.5 by removing “...be paved with lines painted to show the parking spaces.” and replace with “...have an area designed for handicapped parking and have the proper permanent sign to mark the handicapped space.”
7. Amend Article 4.8 by deleting the term “etc.” after the word “fertilizers”.
8. Amend Article 5.5.1.1 by adding after the phrase “...threat of flooding”, “or unsanitary condition.”
9. Amend Article 5.5.3.1 (b) by adding “, fertilizers” after the word “pesticides.”
10. Amend Article 5.6.2.2 by changing the reference for obtaining detailed soils information.
11. Amend Article 5.6.4.2 by adding after “bodies of water”, “or D and E slopes.”

Article #6. To vote on the following: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Building Code as follows:

- (a) Repeal of the BOCA Plumbing Code and replace with the BOCA Plumbing Code, 8th Edition, 1990, with certain deletions and insertions and simplified update and revisions (an ordinance establishing minimum regulations governing the design, installation and construction of plumbing systems).
- (b) Repeal of the present BOCA Mechanical Code and replace with BOCA Mechanical Code, 7th Edition, 1990, with certain deletions and insertions and simplified update and revisions

(an ordinance establishing minimum regulations governing the design, installation and construction of mechanical systems).

(c) Repeal of the present BOCA Fire Code and replace with the BOCA Fire Code, 8th Edition, 1990, with certain deletions and insertions and simplified update and revisions (an ordinance establishing minimum regulations governing the design, installation and construction of life safety systems).

(d) Amend Article 2.1 - Add after “be signed by”, “or authorized by”.

Amend Article 2.5 - Delete in its entirety and add the zoning ordinances definition of “Certificate of Occupancy”.

Amend Article 3.1.1 - By removing the words “sixteen (16) inches wide and eight (8) inches thick” and inserting in its place “twice the thickness of the wall and as thick as the wall width.”

Amend Article 3.2.3 - By adding a new sentence to read “Beam notching on tension side is not permitted.

Article #7. To see if the Town will rate and appropriate the sum of One Million One-Hundred and Seven Thousand Dollars (\$1,107,000) for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications, the acquisition of easements and the construction of a Town Waste Transfer and Recycling Station and closure of the Town Landfill that will qualify the Town for Federal and State Funds; One Million One-Hundred and Seven Thousand Dollars (\$1,107,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain, accept and expend Federal, State or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project and conditions applicable to such aid; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Selectmen to borrow the aforesaid sum, in whole or in part, through the State Revolving Fund established under RSA 486:14; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (2/3 Ballot Vote Required)

Article 8. To see if the Town will rate and appropriate the sum of One Million Two Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,273,500) for the purpose of construction and equipping a new police/fire/rescue/safety building; One Million Two Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,273,500) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or note under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain, accept and expend Federal, State or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project and conditions applicable to such aid; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (2/3 Ballot Vote Required)

Article #9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the purpose of acquiring and improving land and buildings at 35 Raymond Road (Map 5 Lot '17) for the use of the Highway Department and other Town Departments, as deemed necessary; Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (2/3 Ballot Vote Required)

Article #10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three (3) year lease agreement in the amount of \$180,000 payable over three years to lease waste compaction and storage equipment and waste hauling services required in the operation of the proposed Town Waste Transfer and Recycling Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation) (2/3 Ballot vote required)

Article #11. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and Committees of Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article #12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$423,005 as may be necessary to defray Town Charges (TC) for the ensuing year. (See TC Budget Figures) (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

Article #13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,100 for General Government: \$15,300 for Planning and Zoning, \$27,800 for Government Buildings, and \$2,000 for Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Article #14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Planning Board to investigate and develop an Impact Fee Ordinance. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

Article #15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$280,355 for Public Safety which includes \$192,805 for the Police Department \$25,000 for the Ambulance, \$32,500 for the Fire Department, \$2,500 for Forest Fires and Fire Trails, \$2,000 for Emergency Management, \$3,500 for Other Public Safety, and \$22,050 for the Building Inspector. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

Article #16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,290 for the second half of a lease for the emergency replacement of the 1992 Police Cruiser. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

Article #17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,900 to defray the expenses of the Highway Department. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

Article #18. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$25,000 for the purpose of reducing the General Fund Deficit (Unanticipated Highway Department Snow Plowing Expenses) pursuant to RSA 41:9, V.

for the 1995-1996 fiscal year (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

Article #19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Road Agent to become effective in May of 1997, all pursuant to RSA 231:62. (By Petition)

Article #20. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as an open highway and make subject to gates and bars under RSA 231:45, the following highway: Hart Roberts Road from the intersection of Hart Roberts Road and Halls Village Road to the intersection of Hart Roberts Road and Jack Road (The entire road)

Article #21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,753 to defray the expenses of the Welfare Department: \$9,000 for Direct Assistance and \$2,753 for Intergovernmental Welfare payments. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation).

Article #22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$86,000 for Waste Management which includes \$50,250 for the Chester Disposal Area, \$10,500 for the monitoring wells at the Chester Disposal area, \$25,000 for Solid Waste Plan, and \$250 for Other Sanitation. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

Article #24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,564 for Town Health, \$2,570 for Pest Control, \$15,894 for Other Health, and \$100 for Health Administration. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

Article #25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,265 for Culture and Recreation, which includes \$46,900 for the Chester Public Library, \$6,960 for the Cable Committee, \$9,055 for Parks and Recreation Commission, \$400 for the Chester Conservation Commission, \$250 for Patriotic Purposes, \$200 for the

Historic District Commission, and \$1,500 for Senior Citizens. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

Article #26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the support of the Town Fair. (The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

Article #27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey to the Chester School District an approximately nineteen (19) acre parcel from the “Mossman Property”, Tax Map 5 Lot 19, the precise location and dimensions of the parcel to be determined by the Selectmen after consultation with the School Board.

Article #28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell surplus Town equipment at public auction or by sealed bids.

Article #29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allow a discount of 1 % on all property taxes paid in full within 10 days after the mailing of the property tax bills.

Article #30. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town

Given our hands and seal, this 22nd day of April in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

**The Chester Board of Selectmen
Chester, New Hampshire
Colin M. Costine, Chairman
Eric C. Nyberg, Selectman
Andrew L. Hadik, Selectman**

Budget for the Town of Chester, New Hampshire

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year From July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997

<u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>	<u>Approp.</u> <u>1994/95</u>	<u>Expended</u> <u>1994/95</u>	<u>Approp.</u> <u>1995/96</u>	<u>Approp</u> <u>1996/97</u>	<u>Warrant</u> <u>Article</u>
<u>General Government</u>					
Executive	\$21,200 TC	\$21,747	\$27,990 TC	\$26,790 TC	12
Election & Registration	14,600 TC	18,127	17,300 TC	19,395 TC	12
Financial Administration	71,400 TC	64,766	73,780 TC	76,420 TC	12
Revaluation of Property			25,000	2,500 TC	12
Legal Expense	12,000 TC	10,150	12,000 TC	21,000 TC	12
Personnel Administration	18,600 TC	16,346	19,300 TC	25,100 TC	12
Planning and Zoning	11,625	9,659	50,650	25,300	13,14
General Government Building	23,165	24,844	25,215	27,800	13
Cemeteries	10,400 TC	8,754	10,400 TC	10,400 TC	12
Insurance	50,000 TC	40,358	50,000 TC	51,000 TC	12
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	1,709	1,709	1,772	2,000	13
<u>Public Safety</u>					
Police	141,347	135,432	182,279	192,805	15
Ambulance	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	15
Fire	34,250	34,583	35,000	35,000	15
Bldg. Inspection	20,700	21,319	20,600	22,050	15
Emergency Mangement	2,000	2,036	2,000	2,000	15
Other Public Safety	3,500	3,500	8,500	3,500	15
<u>Highways and Streets</u>					
Highways and Streets	160,350	166,123	167,250	185,900	17
Bridges			800		
Street Lighting	1,800 TC	2,193	2,100 TC	2,200 TC	12
Deficit Appro. for Highway 95-96				25,000	18

Sanitation

Solid Waste Collection	125,260	62,493	118,260	70,250	10,23
Solid Waste Disposal		28,162		35,500	23
Engineering/Monitoring Wells				250	23
Other Sanitation	200				

Water Distribution and Treatment

Water Services					
Water Treatment					
Health					
Pest Control (ACO)	2,125	2,059	2,510	2,570	24
Health Agencies and Hospitals	15,694	17,777	15,944	15,994	24
Administration					

Welfare

Direct Assistance	9,900	4,150	9,000	9,000	21
Intergovernmental Welfare	1,368	1,368	1,875	2,753	21
Vender Payments					

Culture and Recreation

Parks and Recreation	7,500	7,599	12,215	9,055	25
Library	36,120	36,120	43,344	46,900	25
Patriotic Purposes	250	250	250	250	25
Other Culture and Recreation	8,665	7,861	7,950	11,660	25,26

Conservation

Purchase of Natural Resources					
Other Conservation	300	382	500	400	25

<u>Purpose of Appropriations</u>	<u>Approp.</u> <u>1994/95</u>	<u>Expended</u> <u>1994/95</u>	<u>Approp.</u> <u>1995/96</u>	<u>Approp.</u> <u>1996/97</u>	<u>Warrant</u> <u>Article</u>
<u>Redevelopment and Housing Economic Development</u>					
Church Property Acquisition Property			28,000		
Debt Service					
Prin.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	100,000	100,937	10,000 TC	91,020 TC	12
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes				92,680 TC	12
Interest on TAN	6,000 TC		6,000 TC	4,500 TC	12
Fire Truck Bond Interest			3,722 TC		
<u>Capital Outlay</u>					
Land & Improvement					
(52 Raymond Rd)	22,000	13,175			
Machine, Vehicle & Equipment					
(Cruiser)	16,000	16,000		10,290	16
Buildings (Library Renovation)		8,000			
Improvements Other Bldgs.					
(35 Raymond Rd)				200,000	9
Transfer/Landfill				1,107,000	7
Public Safety Bldg				1,273,500	8
<u>Operating Transfers Out</u>					
To Special Revenue Fund					
To Capital Projects Fund					
To Enterprise Fund					
To Capital Reserve Fund	38,000	38,000	11,000	11,000	22
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 1,013,028	\$ 950,979	\$ 1,027,506	\$ 3,775,732	

<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Estimated Revenue 1994/95</u>	<u>Actual Revenue 1994/95</u>	<u>Estimated Revenue 1995/96</u>	<u>Estimated Revenue 1996/97</u>	<u>Warrant Article #</u>
<u>Taxes</u>					
Land Use Change Taxes	\$28,000	37,551	30,000	30,000	
Resident Taxes					
Yield Taxes	1,500	15,435	5,000	6,000	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes					
Other Taxes					
Interest & Penalties on Del. Taxes	34,000	60,412	32,000	40,000	
Inventory Penalties					
<u>Licenses, Permits & Fees</u>					
Business Licenses and Permits					
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	162,000	278,440	175,000	255,000	
Building Permits	15,000	22,420	17,000	17,000	
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,000	5,889	6,000	5,000	
<u>From Federal Government</u>					
Other (Cops Grant)			30,000	28,000	
<u>From State</u>					
Shared Revenue	31,264	80,845	38,903	38,903	
Highway Block Grant	50,411	53,442	54,388	54,388	
State & Federal Forest Land				84	
State 20% TS/LF Grant				221,400	
<u>From Other Government</u>					7
Intergovernmental Revenues					

<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Estimated Revenue 1994/95</u>	<u>Actual Revenue 1994/95</u>	<u>Estimated Revenue 1995/96</u>	<u>Estimated Revenue 1996/97</u>	<u>Warrant Article #</u>
<u>Charges For Services</u>					
Income from Departments	20,000	11,331	15,000	15,000	
Other Charges					
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>					
Sale of Municipal Property	34,000	34,032			
Interest on Investments	17,000	25,608	15,000	35,000	
Other		37,844		40,000	
Capital Reserve Fund	58,000	58,434			
Trust and Agency Funds	1,000	1,575	1,200	1,600	
Other/Proc. Long Term Note	50,000	50,000		2,580,500	7,8,9
TOTAL REV. & CREDITS	\$ 506,175	\$ 773,258	\$ 419,491	\$ 3,367,875	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS					\$ 3,775,732
LESS AMT OF ESTIMATED REV, EXCULSIVE OF PROPERTY TAXES					\$ 3,367,875
AMT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED (EXCLUSIVE OF SCHOOL & COUNTY TAXES)					\$ 407,857

Wilcomb Townsend Trust Fund Annual Report

July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995

These funds are available for Chester residents 55 years of age or over, to help with fuel, medications or other necessities. Written application may be made to any trustee.

7/1/94	Beginning Balance	\$.00
	Receipts:	
	Trustee of Trust Funds	3,281.08
	Disbursements:	
	Parkland Medical Center	719.64
	Rental Expense	650.00
	Wood purchased	100.00
	Southern NH Int Med Assoc	656.65
	State of NH - fee	50.00
	Fleet Bank - fees	10.00
	Postmaster - stamps	6.40
	Radiologists	70.00
	Duston Oil	227.31
	PSNH	409.62
	Spindel Eye Associates	135.00
	Derry Ambulance	246.46
	Total Disbursements	3,281.08
6/30/95	Ending Balance	.00

Trustees 1993-1994

Barbara Dolloff	1996
Isabelle Rand	1997
Cynthia Tunberg	1998
Carol Sheehan	1999
Catherine Fogg	2000

Respectively submitted,
Cynthia Tunberg
Treasurer

Town of Chester
Treasurer's Report
General Fund and Money Market
 July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995

Cash Balance Beginning July 1, 1994

General Fund	\$1,212,181	
Money Market	1,344	\$1,213,525

General Fund:

Beginning Balance	1,212,181	
Receipts		
Selectmen	274,969	
Town Clerk	306,749	
Tax Collector	3,410,211	
Money Market	0	
Interest Earned	28,142	
Tax Anticipation Notes	0	
General Obligation Bonds	50,000	
Total Receipts		<u>4,070,071</u>

Disbursement:

Selectmen Orders	3,846,849	
Tax Anticipation Notes	0	
Interest Expense on Notes	0	
Total Disbursements		<u>3,896,849</u>

Ending Balance: General Fund	1,435,403
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Money Market a/c 167-89372

Beginning Balance	1,344	
Receipts		
Interest Earned	0	
Service Charges	0	
Disbursement to General Fund	0	
Ending Money Market Balance		<u>1,344</u>

Total Ending Cash, June 30, 1995	\$1,436,747
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Special Account #1

July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995

Account # 167-87515

Cash Beginning Balance		\$40,876
Receipts:	7,200	
Interest Earned	893	
Disbursements:	16,338	
Service Charges	0	
Ending Cash Balance		<u>\$32,631</u>

Special Account #2

July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995

Account # 167-87957

Cash Beginning Balance		\$ 0
Receipts:		
Interest Earned	.0	
Disbursements:		
Service Charges	.0	
Ending Cash Balance		<u>\$.0</u>

Detail of Special Account #1

July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995

Description	Opening Balance	Cash Disbursed	Interest Earned	Deposits	Ending Balance
Villages of Chester	\$ 153.00	\$.00	\$ 4.00	\$.00	\$ 157.00
Shepard Home Realty	4,003.00	.00	121.00	2,000.00	6,124.00
Hemlock Knowl	1.00	.00	.00	.00	1.00
Barry Homes	14,265.00	14,382.00	162.00	.00	45.00
Deerwood Hollows	.00	.00	21.00	1,000.00	1,021.00
Hemlock Knowl advpmt	6,456.00	163.00	.00	6,619.00	
Twin Fawn Run	1,962.00	1,956.00	3.00	.00	9.00
Cardinal Drive	72.00	.00	2.00	.00	74.00
Smith Road	1,281.00	.00	32.00	.00	1,313.00
Candia Rd. Est.	12,680.00	.00	329.00	.00	13,009.00
Cooper Homes	.00	.00	53.00	4,000.00	4,053.00
Land Recall	3.00	.00	.00	.00	3.00
D'Amato	.00	.00	3.00	200.00	203.00
Total	\$40,876.00	\$16,338.00	\$893.00	\$7,200.00	\$32,631.00

State Representative Report

On December 7, 1995, I was sworn in as the representative for Rockingham District 10, which includes the towns of Chester and Fremont.

I began my second term of office with my reappointment to the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration. This committee is responsible to consider matters pertaining to the general administration of state laws and changes therein; matters of policy pertaining to the executive departments; matters relating to the New Hampshire retirement system; professional licensure; and other matters as may be referred to it.

The Legislature met in session on 26 days during which debate on some 697 House and Senate bills that had been introduced was conducted. The 424 Member Legislature passed 310 bills, or 44.5%, which were signed into law by Governor Merrill.

I spent a total of 80 days in Concord on behalf of my constituents during the 1995 session.

Also, in 1995 I was selected as a member of the Rockingham County Executive Board and appointed Chairman of the Subcommittee oversighting the Maintenance Dept. of the County Complex. We have oversight responsibility on the county budget, which now totals over 43 million dollars.

I logged a total of 5,119 miles on State and Rockingham County business.

My job is made a bit easier when you are willing to share your thoughts and ideas with me.

I may be reached by phone at 483-8792 or you may write to me at 157 Smith Road, Chester, NH 03036-4030.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon P. Beaulieu
Representative
Rockingham District 10

Report of the Trust Funds of the City or Town of

Chester, New Hampshire

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND List first those trusts invested in a common trust fund	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED Whether bank, deposits, stocks, bonds, etc. (If Common trust, so state)	%	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created
	Total Village Cemetery Trust				24,634.11	0.00
13-Dec-43	Amos Tuck French Trust	Perpetual care French Plot	Money market funds and bonds	0.57	5,000.00	0.00
	Total Amos Tuck French Trust				5,000.00	0.00
24-Dec-46	Great Hill Cemetery Trust	Perpetual care of cemetery	Money market funds and bonds	6.21	49,821.45	3,750.00
	Total Great Hill Cemetery Trust				49,821.45	3,750.00
01-Feb-78	Ruth Ray Trust f/b/o Chester Fire Department	Fire Prevention Equipment	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.57	5,000.00	0.00
07-Oct-88	Rhoda A. Murphy Trust f/b/o Chester Fire Department	Fire Dept. Undesignated	Money market funds and bonds	12.35	110,115.49	0.00
04-Mar-83	E. Mackintosh Trust f/b/o Chester Fire Department	Fire Dept. Undesignated	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.11	1,000.00	0.00
	Total Trust Funds f/b/o Chester Fire Department				116,115.49	0.00
10-Feb-10	George W. Stevens Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.04	339.80	0.00
02-Jan-31	John C. Chase Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.06	500.00	0.00
09-Jul-86	Mary E. Dodge Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds	0.57	5,000.00	0.00
25-Jan-88	Dorothy Sheed Memorial Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.06	500.00	0.00
25-Jun-91	Meta M. Lindgren Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.06	500.00	0.00
24-Jan-79	Ruth Ray Trust f/b/o School and Public Libraries	60% Public 40% School	Money market funds and bonds	42.53	375,795.41	0.00
24-Apr-79	Ruth Ray Trust f/b/o School and Public Libraries	60% Public 40% School	Stocks	3.48	24,504.99	0.00
07-Oct-88	Rhoda A. Murphy Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds	12.46	110,115.49	0.00
30-Mar-85	Dr. James Brown School Book Trust Fund	School Library	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.57	5,000.00	0.00
	Total Trust Funds f/b/o Town and School District Library				522,255.69	0.00
	Trust Funds				96,616.01	0.00
23-Dec-91	Capital Reserve Fund Chester Fire Department	Capital Expenditures	Money market funds and bonds	2.82	50,000.00	20,000.00
22-Dec-91	Capital Reserve Fund Chester Police Department	Capital Expenditures	Bank Deposit	0.92	8,000.00	8,000.00
30-Nov-89	Capital Reserve Fund School Building Fund	Capital Expenditures	Bank Deposit	0.11	1,000.00	0.00
20-Jan-93	Capital Reserve Fund Property Revaluation	Property Revaluation	Money market funds and bonds	3.40	20,000.00	10,000.00
	Total Capital Reserve Funds				79,000.00	38,000.00
	Total				893,442.75	41,750.00

On June 30, 19

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PRINCIPAL				INCOME				
Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	INCOME DURING YEAR		Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
				Percent	Amount			
0.00	0.00	24,634.11	0.00		1,586.91	1,586.91	0.00	24,634.11
0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.01	332.54	332.54	0.00	5,000.00
0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00		332.54	332.54	0.00	5,000.00
1,320.91	0.00	54,892.36	0.00	0.07	4,315.75	40.00	4,275.75	59,168.11
1,320.91	0.00	54,892.36	0.00		4,315.75	40.00	4,275.75	59,168.11
0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.01	345.78	345.78	0.00	5,000.00
(1,029.68)	0.00	109,085.81	0.00	0.12	7,361.24	7,351.24	0.00	109,085.81
0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,134.09	0.00	170.85	170.85	1,134.09	2,134.09
(1,029.68)	0.00	115,085.81	1,134.09		7,877.87	7,877.87	1,134.09	116,219.80
0.00	0.00	339.80	0.00	0.00	58.20	58.20	0.00	339.80
0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	85.63	85.63	0.00	500.00
0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	219.80	219.80	0.00	5,000.00
0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	85.63	85.63	0.00	500.00
0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	85.63	85.63	0.00	500.00
0.00	0.00	375,795.41	0.00	0.39	23,416.38	23,416.38	0.00	375,795.41
6,254.46	0.00	30,759.45	0.00	0.03	2,026.58	2,026.58	0.00	30,759.45
(46.57)	0.00	110,068.92	0.00	0.16	9,474.51	9,474.51	0.00	110,068.92
0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.01	856.33	856.33	0.00	5,000.00
6,207.89	0.00	528,463.58	0.00		36,308.69	36,308.69	0.00	528,463.58
(5,056.61)	0.00	91,549.40	0.00		6,467.25	6,467.25	0.00	91,549.40
17.84	45,093.70	24,924.14	3,422.73	0.03	1,737.07	5,159.80	0.00	24,924.14
0.00	7,913.27	8,086.73	224.06	0.00	251.72	475.78	0.00	8,086.73
0.00	0.00	1,000.00	298.38	0.00	46.95	0.00	345.33	1,345.33
0.00	0.00	30,000.00	798.69	0.02	957.78	2.22	1,754.25	31,754.25
17.84	53,006.97	64,010.87	4,743.86		2,993.52	5,637.80	2,099.58	66,110.45
1,450.35	53,006.97	883,636.13	5,877.95		59,882.53	58,251.06	7,509.42	891,145.55

Report of the Chester Public Library

This past year a very exciting one at the Chester Public Library! For instance the library now has over 3,000 patrons who checked out 44,075 books and materials this past year. That's 10,000 more checkouts than last year!! As you can see, library usage is continuing to grow by leaps and bounds year after year.

As many of you know the library applied for and received a grant from the federal government to renovate the bathroom to comply with the new Americans with Disabilities Act. While the library was closed for renovations to the bathroom, the Board of Trustees decided to do some other remodeling at the same time. With the collection of materials expanding and the patron usage growing at a steady rate, the library was becoming a little too crowded and many books were being kept off the shelves simply because there was no room to put them out. It was decided at a long range planning meeting of the Board to close in the space on the second floor and to add two support posts to, not only increase usable square footage, but also to support the weight of the books that were already upstairs. With the addition of new shelves upstairs, the new library floor plan is now complete. We now have an expanded children's section upstairs, a new reference section downstairs, and an audio visual nook jut inside the front door. We are all very excited by these changes and we hope this expansion will keep us from outgrowing our building for at least a couple of years.

This year, through some generous donations of equipment, we were also able to add a computer work station in the basement. This has enabled us to, not only free up the patron computer upstairs, but it allows us to process new books and materials quickly and more efficiently than before. Also, this summer we realized that the building had a substantial amount of dry rot so we had that repaired, along with a few coats of fresh paint.

So you see, we have all been very busy making some wonderful and positive changes happen in the library, in addition to hosting the annual summer reading program, Mardi Gras, the 4th grade skills workshop, and many more activities.

The library was also very fortunate to be the recipient of an OPTELEC machine. This is a low vision magnifier and was generously donated to us by the Chester Lions Club. A lot of hard work and fundraising went into this and we thank them for this wonderful gift!

We have a lot more programs and projects in store for the coming years. Much of what is done is aided by dedicated volunteers and generous donors. The town appropriation is less than half of the library's overall operating bud-

get. We rely on trust funds and contributions from patrons to keep our programs and collection up to date. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and we hope to see more of you next year!

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Rossetti, Chairman
Board of Trustees

TRUSTEES

Lynn Rockwell
Rhonda McNeill
Mary Ann Marchi
Bill Bothwell

STAFF

Judy Balk - Director
Louise Nutt
Nancy Hoffman

Chester Public Library Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance as of 7/1/94

Checking	\$ 9.28
Money Market	13,067.54
Investment Portfolio	78,759.38
Petty Cash	100.00

INCOME	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
001 Interest		\$ 188.98
002 Money Market	\$ 936.74	1,089.21
003 Investment Portfolio	9,000.00	19,400.00
017 Town Appropriation	36,120.00	36,120.00
101 Trust Fund	13,000.00	13,628.71
013 Miscellaneous (ADA Grant)		8,000.00
015 Non-Resident Membership		230.00
TOTAL INCOME	59,056.74	80,656.90

EXPENSES		
200 Books	12,000.00	17,504.61
201 Other Media	3,000.00	5,325.34
202 Subscriptions	800.00	1,669.59
203 Dues	150.00	99.00
204 Miscellaneous	506.74	971.12
205 Postage	300.00	483.25
206 Library Supplies	1,700.00	2,688.19
207 Telephone	600.00	874.90
208 Travel	350.00	324.11
210 Utilities	2,300.00	2,687.60
211 Education	500.00	90.00
212 Equipment Maintenance	1,400.00	1,881.93
213 Computer Supplies	300.00	1,204.76
216 Book Reviews	500.00	351.90
220 Building Maintenance	1,000.00	1,162.50
225 Custodial Supplies	100.00	51.92
240 Special Events	500.00	143.80
241 Trustees Purchases	1,950.00	1,113.28
245 Building Fund (\$8,000 ADA)		15,950.00 *(8,000ADA)
300 Wages	31,100.00	29,134.86
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$59,056.74	\$83,712.66

Planning Board Report

Since last Town Meeting, the Chester Planning Board has approved six (6) new subdivisions creating 14 new lots. There are approximately six (6) inactive subdivisions on file creating 192 lots and numerous active subdivisions creating another 69 lots.

In order to be prepared for the growth Chester may experience in upcoming years, the Board has been actively working with Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission on the updating of the Master Plan and Capital Improvements Program. While the documents are not in their final form at this time, it is the Board's goal to have them completed by the end of the 1995-96 fiscal year. A public hearing will be held prior to the adoption of these documents by the Planning Board. The Board was able to save approximately \$10,000.00 of the appropriated \$35,000.00 on the updating of the Master Plan and Capital Improvements Program. It is our intention to spend the next year investigating and possibly developing an Impact Fee Ordinance for which we are asking voters to appropriate \$10,000.00.

The Board has continued to work on revising Chester's Subdivision and Site Plan Review regulations. While we are progressing slower than expected, the Board hopes to have them completed by the end of the summer.

One cause for the slow down in the revision of the Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations was the need for the Board to create regulations for the land application and stockpiling of biosolids. The Board has spent a considerable amount of time reviewing regulations from other towns and talking to representatives from the State of New Hampshire.

After much thought and discussion, the Board decided the best way to invoke these regulations was through the creation of a health ordinance. The new "Biosolids and Residential Septage Regulations" will be administered by the Board of Selectmen acting as the Board of Health.

At the May Town Election, petitioners are asking voters to allow a commercial golf course to be placed in "open space" and to allow a commercial golf course anywhere in town. These two petitions if voted into our zoning ordinance will cause irreparable damage to our zoning. One will weaken our two acre zoning requirement because "open space" is part of the two acres required by our zoning in order to cluster a development and the second will create "spot zoning" which is illegal. While the Planning Board does not oppose a golf course, the majority does oppose the use of "open space" for a golf course in a cluster development. The Planning Board asks that you

Please vote "NO" on Amendment #1 and #2

Additional amendments proposed by the Planning Board are as follows:

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| Amendment #3 | This amendment will help clarify the clustering concept in Article 7 - Incentive for Low-Moderate Income Housing. |
| Amendment #4 | This amendment is more a “house cleaning” amendment. Over the past year, circumstances have caused the Board to review various sections of the zoning ordinance. During this review, minor changes were addressed resulting in these proposed changes. |
| Amendment #5 | This amendment is intended to bring our building code up to date with current standards and allow the regular updating to be done through the public hearing process. |

The Planning Board asks that you

Please vote “YES” on Amendments #3, #4 and #5.

The Board of Selectmen have asked the Planning Board to create a new line item in our budget this year for legal expenses. In the past, our legal expenses have been part of the towns general legal fund. This change will cause the Board’s budget to increase by \$16,000.00. Given the potential for a lawsuit resulting from any action the Planning Board may take, this amount is a best estimate based on the cost of last years legal expenses. In the past year, we have been in court several times.

The Board welcomes any questions and input to any of its regulations at public meetings, which are held the first, second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in the Town Hall starting at 7:30 P.M.

The Planning Board has office hours Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the Planning and Zoning Office in the Town Hall. The office telephone number is 887-5629. If this schedule changes, a notice will be posted outside Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Chester Planning Board

Scott Rice, Chairman
Cynthia J. Robinson, Administrative Assistant
Richard Snyder, Vice Chairman
Stephen Landau
Paul DiFabio
Evan Sederquest
Camilla Lockwood, Alternate
William Gregsak, Alternate
Carl Rich, Alternate
Anya Bent, Alternate
Colin Costine, Ex-officio

Building Inspector's Report

1995 continued to be an active year. A total of thirty-eight new home building permits, four commercial renovations and one hundred eleven general building permits were issued.

Total revenue generated this year totaled nineteen thousand two hundred twenty dollars and thirteen cents (\$19,220.13)

New Residential Home Permits Issued 1995

Name	Tax Map	Street
S. Mallison	8-10-1	Ledge Road
E. Howard	7-50-1	North Pond Road
K. Bean	9-81-44	Quail Hill Road
R. Demarco	9-81-13	Meadow Fox Lane
R. Matson	13-18	Hanson Road
W. Horan	10-9-25	Jennifer Drive
Barry Homes Inc.	9-42-18	Arabian Way
L. Monfet	13-18-1	Hanson Road
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-10	Laurel Hill Road
R. Snyder	2-27-1	Town Farm Road
Delridge Realty Corp	9-81-37	Pheasant Run Drive
L Morgan	9-1-3	Hale True Road
Dubes Const.	5-77-2	Stockman Hill Road
Skyline Ind.	9-81-12	Meadow Fox Lane
Desistu Ent.	9-81-54	Meadow Fox Lane
J. Donigian	9-4-5	Raven Drive
B. Pollenwareyzk	3-4	Haverhill Road
S. Cook	1-13	Pingree Hill Road
G. Abdullah	11-44-3	Candia Road
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-17	Laurel Hill Road
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-23	Laurel Hill Road
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-12	Laurel Hill Road
V. Chouinard	1-54	Harantis Lake Pond
Desisto Ent.	9-81-49	Meadow Fox Lane
L. Seabury	11-41-2	Shattigee Road
M. Sinopoli	11-21	Candia Road
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-13	Laurel Hill Road
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-21	Laurel Hill Road
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-22	Laurel Hill Road
Desisto Ent.	9-81-52	Meadow Fox Lane
D. Rees	9-81-51	Meadow Fox Lane

Barry Homes Inc.	9-42-15	Arabian Way
Barry Homes Inc.	9-42-5	Twin Fawn Road
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-15	Laurel Hill Road
J. Spero	11-41-1	Candia Road
Langton Const.	1-48-2	Harantis Lake Road
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-18	Laurel Hill Road
M. Babin	7-49	North Pond Road

Commercial Renovations

M. Lagana	1-79	Derry Road
Chester Elementary	5-12	Chester Street
P. Remillard	9-63-8	Raymond Road
Chester Public Library	16-8	Chester Street

Residential Home Improvements in 1993

3	Additions	5	Porches
3	Barns	5	Plumbing
1	Chimney	2	Razed Buildings
8	Decks	7	Renovations
1	Dormer/Skylights	1	Second Floor Addition
23	Electrical	7	Septic Replacements
3	Garages	2	Swimming Pools
15	Heating Systems	1	Sign
5	Home Occupations	9	Sheds
10	Miscellaneous		

I would like to remind property owners, permits are required before beginning construction, alterations or repairs other than ordinary repairs. Applications may be picked up in my office or the Selectmen's Office.

Sincere thanks for your concerns and cooperation this past year.

Building Inspectors Office Hours

Monday	8:00 - 12:00	
Wednesday	8:00 - 12:00	Telephone
Friday	10:00 - 12:00	887-5552
Inspections done after 12:00 Noon		

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Jore

Report of the Board of Selectmen

The time of the Board of Selectmen has been occupied in the last year with many small issues and a number of large ones. Early on the Computer Committee, led by Bob Crawford and Selectman Andrew Hadik, studied needs and settled on a new computer system which came on line in October and has helped our office immensely.

In August the hot topic became sludge, which we have since learned to call biosolids. Much time was spent, particularly by Selectman Hadik, in meetings, hearings, and investigations also on a daily basis. After following legal due course, our Attorney filed a "Cease and Desist" in Superior Court to stop the illegal processing operation just hours before the State issued emergency rules halting such operations. We anticipate being back in court in the spring. Concurrently, the Planning Board drafted for the Board of Selectmen a Biosolid Ordinance, which will be administered by the Selectmen and the Health Officer.

Probably our most time consuming project has been the continuation of planning, with the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee and our engineering firm, for our Landfill Closure and Transfer Station, which will be constructed behind our current Landfill. Our current interim recycling arrangement, which unfortunately had to be implemented hastily, has not only enabled us to try our systems for our proposed future permanent Transfer Station, but has also saved us considerable operating expenses. Both our Solid Waste Committee and our new Landfill staff have been extremely diligent through this whole process.

A milestone this year was the finalization of the transfer to the Town of the Muriel Church property for conservation use. Conservation Committee Chairman Brad Wamsley put a tremendous effort into this on the Town's behalf. Trustees for the Spring Hill Trust include Miss Muriel Church, Colin Costine, Wayne Towle, and Brad Wamsley.

The Board of Selectmen
Colin M. Costine, Chairman
Eric C. Nyberg
Andrew L. Hadik

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has continued during the past year to provide the residents of Chester with the means of addressing appeals and administering special provisions in the Zoning Ordinance dealing with variances, special exceptions, and administrative decisions.

Sometimes praised, sometimes criticized, we have continued to perform our principal role of hearing appeals and exercising our best judgment, while taking into account the best interests of the Town of Chester and the needs of the individual.

The Zoning Board has continued to work with the Planning Board this year to better serve the needs of the people of Chester, while maintaining our posture as independent entities within the Town Zoning process.

I would personally like to thank the following Board Members for their support and the unselfish contribution of their valuable time to the Town:

Dave Hill

Charlotte Lister

Janice Jeans

Rocky Morrill

Rick Snyder (Planning Board Rep.)

Bruce Flanders

I would also like to extend a special thank you to our Administrative Assistant, Janet Boyden, for her invaluable assistance in the day to day operation of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hill

Chairman

Public Safety Building Committee Report

The Public Safety Building Committee was authorized at the May 1995 Town Meeting. Its purpose was to meet with a consultant and create a site plan, building footprint and a cost analysis.

The committee met several times during the year. Keyes Agency acted as the consultant. A footprint was created and revised and the committee believes that we now have a working plan.

Submitted:

Alfred J. Wagner, Police Department Rep.

Steven Tunberg, Fire Department Rep.

Scott Rice, Planning Board Rep.

Chester Highway Safety Committee

The Highway Safety Committee continues to be active in its quest to keep Chester town roads safe to travel upon and encourages the public to contact any member of the Highway Safety Committee with suggestions that might make it possible to improve safety on town roads. The Committee meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Police Department Conference Room and members of the public are invited to attend and encouraged to participate.

The Highway Safety Committee continues to actively participate with the school in conducting school bus evacuation drills which are held throughout the school year.

The Chester Pre-School on Route 102 and the Chester Elementary School on Route 121 continue to be monitored by the Police Department for potential highway safety problems.

Traffic congestion on Route 121 at Chester Elementary School at closing time continues to be an issue. While no accidents have been reported, the Police Department and school with input from this Committee, have explored possible solutions to solve the issue. With no definite solution at hand, everyone involved welcomes suggestions.

The Highway Crossing Guard Program continues to oversee the crossing of the children at the intersection of Routes 121 and 102.

The Bicycle Safety Clinic put on by the Chester Police Department and the Chester School PTA took place in May of 1995.

No highway safety issues were reported during the Sunrise Service on the Mossman property, the Lions Club Memorial Day Observance, the Veteran's Day Parade or the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The Chester Town Fair had its annual parking and traffic problems.

Pedestrian rules for walking along the roadside were published in the Derry News. It is important to remember to face the oncoming traffic when walking along town and state roads.

The Chester Police Department reported that Halloween was uneventful from the standpoint of traffic problems. Parents are continuing to follow the recommended parking and pedestrian rules.

The Highway Safety Committee encourages the public to contact any member of the Highway Safety Committee with suggestions that might make it possible to improve safety on town roads.

Future Projects

1. Relocation of the “No Parking” signs on Route 102 near the Chester Cemetery.
2. Review of day care centers in Chester for highway safety issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Chester Highway Safety Committee

Chief Alfred Wagner, Police Department
Chief Raymond Dolloff, Fire Department
Jon Beaulieu, State Representative
Eric Nyberg, Selectman
Carl Morin, Road Agent
Robert Dolloff, School Board
Cynthia J. Robinson, Planning Board

Public Members

Col. Richardson D. Benton
George Noyes

Conservation Commission Report

The following is a brief description of the Chester Conservation Commission, some past accomplishments, and its future goal.

The Chester Conservation Commission is a group of volunteer Chester residents appointed by the Office of Selectmen under the provisions of New Hampshire state law to oversee conservation related matters in the town. The Conservation Commission is active in assisting the residents of Chester obtain required state permits on conservation/wetlands issues, preserving Chester's open space and scenic beauty through easements and land acquisition, educating the public on conservation-vs-tax impact issues, and generally protecting the health of the ecosystem for the enjoyment of the public and the benefit of the community.

The Conservation Commission assists the Selectmen's Office and Planning Board on conservation issues such as reviewing proposed subdivisions in town to minimize negative impacts to wildlife areas, surface waters, groundwaters, and abutting or down stream property owners. The Commission also works with the town's Building Inspector to help ensure that developments near or in wetlands are done with required permits and that correct mitigation practices are followed.

Last year, in conjunction with the Selectmen's Office, the Conservation Commission was honored to assist Miss Muriel Church (a Chester resident for over 80 years) in donating over 400 acres of her property as conservation land to the Town of Chester for the preservation agricultural farmland. This transaction will not only help preserve the character of Chester, it will play an equally significant roll towards controlling the future growth of Chester and will result in a lower property tax burden for all Chester taxpayers. After all, the preservation of open spaces and the character of Chester will do little good if we cannot afford to live here.

Two years ago, the Commission brought to the attention of NH officials a large wetlands dredging operation occurring in Chester that was later termed one of the worst wetlands violations in the state. (The case is presently in the Attorney General's Office for action.) The Conservation Commission is often contacted by property owners who feel they are being negatively impacted by the actions of abutting property owners. The Commission's role in such matters is usually as an information resource to assist the impacted property owner seek relief through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Protection of The Wetlands Board. However, the Commission's direct involvement was believed to be necessary in the above wetlands violation due to its magnitude and far reaching impact to all downstream properties.

All Conservation Commission members, as residents of Chester, are con-

cerned over Chester's present growth rate and its subsequent effect on property tax increases. The Conservation Commission has been working diligently on the "Property Tax Reduction by Land Conservation Program" with the Antioch New England Graduate School. Under the School's supervision and for college credit, a student (Chester resident) has completed a cost/benefit analysis identifying the affect that the present growth rate of Chester is having on the current increases to the property tax rate.

The analysis was conducted on three new subdivisions located in Chester to calculate their overall cost impact to the Town. In order for the analysis to be beneficial to Chester's Office of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board, or Budget Committee, the analysis had to be as unbiased as possible. The final report will be made available to residents, towns, counties, and other organizations in the State and therefore must be accurate, reproducible, and based on factual data.

The first step of the analysis identified all the economic benefits from the additional tax revenues generated from the property taxes collected by the Town on the new homes located in the three subdivisions. This data was then compared to the additional costs to Chester taxpayers directly resulting from the same three subdivisions due to the increased school population, additional road maintenance, and added public services, (i.e., Fire, Police, Town Hall).

The analysis overwhelmingly concluded; if the residents of Chester expect any chance to control its tax rate, it must control development of the Town. On average, every new house lot developed in three subdivisions added over \$4,000.00 to the yearly Town Budget, over and above the tax revenue it generated due to educational costs alone.

The Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting to answer questions or clarify the data prior to the Town Meeting.

Chester is and will hopefully continue to be a desirable town in which to live and raise a family. As more and more open spaces are developed in Chester and the once-rural community becomes dotted with subdivisions, there is a pressing need to create programs which will ensure that the growth of Chester does not destroy the very thing that makes Chester a pleasant and affordable place to live.

The Chester Conservation Commission meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Public input is always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Chester Conservation Commission
Camilla Lockwood
Greg Lowell
Gladys Nicoll
Evan Sederquest
Adam Thielker
Brad Wamsley

**Chester Conservation Commission
Forest Maintenance Fund**

9/19/64	Balance on Hand	\$2,104.39
	Interest Earned	<u>78.25</u>
3/13/96	Balance on Hand	\$2,182.64

Chester Conservation Commission

2/14/95	Balance on Hand	\$1,437.36
	Interest Earned	31.80
3/14/95	Withdrawal (4H project)	250.00
6/9/95	Deposit (Refund from Appropriation)	150.00
9/25/95	Withdrawal (Sign Natural Area)	<u>75.00</u>
3/13/96	Balance on Hand	\$1,294.16

Recreation Commission Report

1995 in Review:

Summer Program: The number of children attending the Recreation Commission's 6-week Summer Program grew to over 120 last summer. Chester children ages 6 to 12 participate in daily games and activities and take chaperoned field trips. We expect almost 150 children to participate this upcoming summer. While we are pleased with the success of this program, we remind Chester taxpayers that it has also caused an increase in our budget. More children means more counselors to supervise them in reasonably sized groups. Although this program will return about \$2,800 in registration fees (\$25 per child, with family discounts) to the town's General Fund, we must still budget in the required funds.

Sign-up sheets for this summer will be distributed at the school or you may contact Linda Royce at 887-4793. No child will be turned away from any of these programs for financial reasons. If the fee is a hardship, please speak privately to one of the Recreation Commission members.

Facilities Improvement: At last Town Meeting, the Recreation Commission asked for a large increase in order to install water at the ballfield shed for the use of athletic teams, the Summer Program, and the Town Fair. Our request was granted and in February a 240-foot well that yields 10 gpm was drilled. The cost was almost \$600 lower than budgeted. When the weather warms up, the delivery system will be installed (probably in June). The system will be a single spigot controlled from within the shed, and will be turned off when not in use and drained for the winter months.

In-Town Sports Programs: The Commission offers a limited number of sports programs to the children of Chester. There is a girls and boys instructional basketball program in the winter and a junior high volleyball program in the spring, as well as a Hershey Track program in the summer. Please look for announcements in the school bulletin or contact one of the Commission members.

Derry-Chester Cooperation: Chester children are able to participate in the Town of Derry's basketball program and the Derry Soccer Club's programs through a cooperative arrangement whereby Chester provides its facilities (the school gym for basketball, the soccer field for soccer) for use by these programs. The Rec. Commission pays for the use of the gym on Saturday mornings for Derry Rec. basketball and allows the Derry Soccer Club to use the town fields. All Chester children ages 5-18 are welcome to participate in these programs. Signup notices appear regularly in the Derry News.

Vandalism: The subject of vandalism has, unfortunately, become a mainstay of this report; 1995 was no different. The electric meter was smashed and torn off the ballfield shed twice and the phone connection was also torn off. The front door

was kicked in and items were stolen, the rear shed doors were vandalized, and the gate to the French field was broken in half. Thanks to the efforts of the Chester Police (who caught the children who kicked in the door) and Brian Folsom of Folsom Electric (who installed a new electric meter and service inside the building), the financial effects of the vandalism was eased. But the money spent on repair and replacement supplies as a result of vandalism saps money from other areas of our budget. **We once again urge any Chester citizens witnessing vandalism at the fields or shed to report it at once to police.**

1996 Plans:

There are no major projects planned for 1996. We will be installing new gates at the French field entrance and the Nichols field entrance by the soccer field. The latter is particularly important as every year several not-so-bright motorists see fit to drive, rather than walk, the few hundred feet to the baseball fields. No motorized vehicles, except maintenance and emergency vehicles, are allowed on the field.

Regular maintenance, such as brush cutting, painting, and repair will continue on a volunteer and paid basis.

Field Rules and Regulations: Since this report is our primary means of communicating with the town, we repeat here every year the rules governing usage of the town fields (as spelled out in the Town Master Plan).

Priorities for field usage are set as follows (1 is highest priority): (1) Chester School athletic events; (2) Chester Baseball Program or Recreation Commission - sanctioned activities; (3) All other activities (scheduled or unscheduled). Scheduling of the fields for other events, such as church picnics, field days, soccer leagues, or other school usage must be made through the Rec. Commission by contacting Town Hall

As always, we continue to look to the town for guidance and suggestions.

Recreation Commission
Debbie Burke
Bob Henderson
Greg Lowell
Linda Royce

Chester Police Department Report for Calendar Year Ending 1995

Once again the Chester Police Department has had a very busy year. We handled a total of 3,548 incidents. An overall increase of 496 incidents from the Calendar Year 1994. Some of the incidents are listed below.

The Chester Police are involved with the Greater Derry area Juvenile Diversion Program and are also regular participants in the areas Domestic Violence Council.

The State wide EMERGENCY 9-1-1 telephone system is now in effect and makes it easier for all of us to contact emergency services. The 887-3229 telephone number is answered 24 hours a day by the Dispatch Center at the Rockingham County Sheriffs Department in Brentwood, New Hampshire. This is also our radio communications center.

Members of the Police Department continue to train in many areas to be able to provide assistance to the community. This includes but not limited to: Domestic Violence, Defensive Driving, Gaze Nystagmus, Use of Force, Firearms and Pepper Spray.

Officer William Burke who had been a part time officer has been appointed to fill the position made available by the Community Oriented Policing grant, as accepted at the 1995 Town Meeting. Community Policing is a new name for what we here in Chester have always done.

The members of the Chester Police Department thank you for your continued support. We are here to provide a service to you and ask that you not hesitate to call to report any problems or concerns that you may have.

Telephone:	911	Emergency
	887-3229	All Calls for Service
	887-2080	Unattended Business Line
	887-2090	A.C.O. - Answering Machine

Sincerely,

Alfred J. Wagner, Chief of Police
 Alexander Castora, Deputy Chief
 Leonard Leclair, Sergeant
 Robert O'Connor, Patrolman
 Robert Boda, Jr., Patrolman
 William Burke, Patrolman
 Kenneth McCarron Jr., Patrolman
 Vaughn Wright, Secretary

Kristal Tremblay,
 Animal Control Officer

HIGHLIGHTS OF CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 1995

28	Burglary Reports	134	Motor Vehicle Complaints
59	Theft Reports	2	Unattended/Untimely Deaths
8	Motor Vehicle Theft Reports	92	Suspicious Person Complaints
21	Simple Assaults	162	Assist Other Police Departments
1	Arson Report	13	O.H.R.V. Reports
1	Forgery Report	6	Illegal Dumping Reports
1	Fraud Report	127	Alarm Activations
1	Stolen Property Report	124	Police Department Information
85	Criminal Mischief Reports	5	Littering Reports
1	Sex Offense Report	3	Illegal Burn Reports
8	Drug Offense Reports	51	Assist Fire/Rescue Calls
41	Domestic Reports	22	Criminal Trespass Reports
17	Driving While Intoxicated	50	Paperwork Services
3	Protective Custody	184	Animal Control Reports
31	Disorderly Conduct Reports	28	Harassment Reports
17	Missing Persons Reports	182	Aide To Public Situations
56	Motor Vehicle Accidents	153	House Security Check Reports
78	Pistol Permit Applications		

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department received the new truck which replaced Engine 3. This was placed in service after an extensive period of transferring and mounting equipment. This involved many hours and many members of the department deserve thanks for this effort. The new Engine 3 has provided us with space to better organize our EMS equipment, enhanced our extrication capabilities by providing space for our more powerful jaws as well as providing us with an increase in pumping capacity.

The Fire Prevention Program continues in its efforts to make our kids and their families more aware of fire safety. Thanks go out to Jen, the Chester School, the Chester Pre-School and the Bob Child poster and essay program for their efforts in this area.

We are moving forward with our proposal for a safety complex. We took the money appropriated at last years town meeting and retained the services of an architect to develop a preliminary design and prepare a cost estimate for that complex. The current fire station has served us for more than sixty years and it is severely undersized. Please consider supporting us on this issue.

We continue to participate in the HazMat group which provides us with training as well as acting as an important resource for the purpose of stabilizing a hazardous materials incident.

Since we have come on line with 911 service, the old "Fire" phone number has become redundant. This number, 887-3250, will be taken out of service soon. In the event of an emergency dial 911. The alternate number for reaching our dispatch remains 432-6121.

The Fire Department continues to provide the town of Chester a valuable service. We are finding, however, that there aren't as many members of the Fire Department who work in town as there once were. In short, we are in need of a few good people. The task is a demanding one but the rewards are worth it. If you think you fit the bill, please stop down at the fire station any Tuesday evening or Sunday morning.

Emergency service must be able to locate you in order to help you. Now that plow season is over, it is time to go outside and make sure that your street number is in place and on its original post and in the correct location. Replacement numbers can be obtained through the Selectmen's Office. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Chester Volunteer
Fire Department

Volunteer Roster

Ron Blanchette	Michael Finney	Darrell Quinn
John Bragdon	Brian Folsom	Lindsey Rice
Jack Cadieux	Sherwood Fogg	John Rossetti
Lori Child	Kenneth Leclair	Kelly St. Clair
Steve Child	Dean Leighton	Scott St. Clair
Frank Camillieri	Bruce McLaughlin	Kevin Scott
Colin Costine	Keith Nelson	Jennifer Sullivan
John Colman	Donna Pas	Stephen Tunberg
Arthur Dolloff	John Pepper	Steven Wilson
Raymond Dolloff, Jr.	George Pinault	
Robert Dolloff		

Summary of Calls 1995**EMS**

Medical	65
Motor Vehicle	15
Total	<u>80</u>

FIRE

Mutual Aid	16
Vehicle	6
Chimney	8
Fuel Spill	2
Chemical Spill	1
Alarm Activations	20
Wires	3
Furnace Problems	2
Structure Fire	3
Smoke Condition	6
Gas Odor	2
Dog Rescue	1
Brush Fire	6
Electrical Problem	1
Stove Fire	1
Service Call	1
Other Type Fire	<u>2</u>
Total	81

Total Calls for 1995 = 161

Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger Report

During Calendar Year 1995, the State of New Hampshire experienced an average number of wildfires. The three leading cause of these wildfires were campfires left unattended, unsupervised children and debris fires that escape control. All of these fires are preventable, but ONLY with your help?

Please help your town and state forest fire officials with forest fire prevention. New Hampshire State Law (RSA 224:27II) requires that, "No person, firm or corporation shall kindle of cause to be kindled any fire or burn or cause to be burned any material in the open, except when the ground is covered with snow, without first obtaining a written fire permit from the Forest Fire Warden of the town where the burning is to be done."

Violations of RSA 224:27 II and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$1,000 and/or a year in jail and you are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

The State of New Hampshire, Division of Forests and Lands assisted many towns in wild land fire suppression during 1995 and participated in many fire prevention programs. The State of New Hampshire Forest Protection Bureau will be working with many communities to spread the fire prevention message - "Remember...Only YOU can prevent forest fires. Fire prevention is the most cost effective fire suppression tool. Please be careful around fires and help us and our communities have a fire safe year.

‘ REMEMBER...SMOKEY HAS FOR FIFTY YEARS!’

Forest Fire Statistics - 1995

Brush Fires - 6

John Dodge
Forest Ranger

Red Dolloff
Forest Fire Warden

CPR Report

This year's CPR training course held at the Chester Elementary School marks the 21st year.

We are reminded daily of the importance of learning this skill and we congratulate this year's class of eighth graders for their participation.

The Chester PTA absorbs the cost of the books and we thank them for their many years of support.

The Chester Fire Department has provided mannequins and supplies necessary to conduct the course. We are grateful to the firefighters who maintain this equipment and make it available for our use.

The Parkland Medical Center is our source of encouragement and we appreciate our connection to them.

The best way to demonstrate the meaning it has for the students, I am including quotes from some of their papers:

"I liked the discussion in the beginning. This is where I learned alot of things. I liked how we got to test our knowledge on the dummy."

"I liked that now I can do the Heimlich Maneuver."

"This course was very good to take because I learned how to perform CPR in a more educated way. I loved the hands on experience."

"I thought the CPR course was interesting. I learned alot that I didn't know before."

"I've wanted to learn this for a long time."

I'm happy I completed this training."

"I think this program is great. You can enjoy it and learn at the same time."

"I enjoy learning a skill that might save a person's life."

The consensus of opinion from this group of students gave us some insight: "Please could we sit on the bleachers instead of the floor. We could focus better." (We Hear You!!!)

Our heartfelt thanks to the PTA members who provided the instructors with a wonderful lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
CPR Team

Chester Cable Annual Report

Chester Community Cable, WCCC 51, is proud of the progress it has made through the tough year of 1995. With the drop in volunteers, we have still met our goal of eight hours of video broadcasts seven days a week and we are presently trying to establish a trade program with Pinkerton Academy to air sporting events. Ellen Boda has been working with White Pines College to film their events and information and we will continue to air films made by the students of Chester Elementary.

As a public access station that operates solely on the hard work of it's volunteers and the contributions of citizens in the town we would like to thank Tom Gainon for allowing us to air his home videos on wild life. The tapes were greatly appreciated and we had many comments from residents on our answering machine,. All comments are welcome and encourage us to continue. I would like to take this time to ask that is anyone has a home video they would like to have aired or they would like to volunteer to tape something, please feel free to call the studio. We will do our best to get back to you in a timely manner and we will return all tapes after airing.

In the past year we saved a considerable amount of money through generous donations. We would like to thank Bill Nash for the donation of a computer to keep our weekly calendar 51 update on the air and Channel 56 for their contribution of a volume max.

As active members of the community we have been trying to bring Chester news and information to your living room. We are extremely proud of the quality of the 1995 town meeting aired live and look for a repeat performance at the town budget meeting in May. Our camera's are a common place in the Selectman's business meetings every other week, we recorded and aired the school budget meeting in March and we strive to film all other meetings regarding issues of importance to the town. Recently we played an active role at the "Class six road meeting" held on March 15th. The meeting itself was not only recorded and aired the same week but with the help of Lenny Stein, A TV monitor was attached to the camera allowing the people in attendance upstairs to watch and participate in the very important discussions.

Channel 51 would like to thank anyone who has helped us along the way and welcome any volunteers, comments, and ideas. Please call any time at 887-2288 or drop a line c/o P.O. Box 151, Chester, NH. We'll see you at the next meeting, keep watching.

Respectfully submitted
Candy L. Menard

CCC51

Coordinator - Ron Bath

Asst. Coordinator - Candy Menard

Secretary - Ellen Boda

Report of the Recycling/Solid Waste Committee

During the past year our Committee has been meeting to research and evaluate future solid waste disposal options for the Town and to work on the closure of our landfill, design of a transfer station, and the development of an integrated recycling program.

Many changes have taken place at the landfill. Our recycling contractor has been replaced by individual vendors, which we anticipate will result in a cost savings to the Town of between \$15,000-\$20,000 annually. We have increased our recycling to include tin and aerosol cans and glossy magazine.

An evaluation of the existing conditions at our landfill, including the presence of leachate outbreaks along the edges of the landfill and documented low levels of contamination in groundwater downgradient of the landfill, as well as the EPA's mandate of closure of unlined landfills as of October 1994, all dictate that we move toward closure of the landfill as expeditiously as possible. In addition, the landfill capacity is quickly diminishing, and on site cover material has been used up, requiring the purchase of material from outside sources.

Our engineering consultant, Nobis Engineering, has developed preliminary landfill closure and transfer station plans. Pending approval of the project by the Town, the transfer station will be scheduled to go on line in the late fall of 1996 and the landfill closure scheduled for the spring of 1997. The design plans have been forwarded to the Planning Board for review. The Committee has made a recommendation to the Selectmen to place the landfill closure and transfer station construction bond as a warrant article for Town Meeting.

We have applied for grants and federal and state funding for landfill closure and transfer station design and construction, and expect to recover approximately 20% funding for this project. Preliminary cost estimates indicate that the impact to the tax rate will be approximately \$.50 for increased operating costs, and between \$1.00 to \$1.50 for the bond payment.

Respectfully submitted,
Recycling/Solid Waste Committee

Committee Members:

Andrew Hadik, Selectmen Liaison
Anne Pardo, Chairperson and Secretary
Paula Potter, Vice Chairperson
Charles Myetts
J.R. Stephens

Report of Rockingham Community Action

Rockingham Community Action (RCA) is a private, non-profit corporation. Our mission is to serve the multitude of needs of Rockingham County's low-income residents by assisting them in coping with the hardships of poverty, giving them the tools to lift themselves out of poverty and seeking to eradicate the root causes of poverty. RCA has been addressing these needs for thirty years.

Greater Salem Community Action Center is an outreach office of RCA that serves residents of Chester and 11 other communities, and as such acts as Chester's central resource for information regarding all available human services. RCA also offers intake, clinic and distribution sites in over half of the county's thirty-seven communities for the application and provision of various Community Action services.

Community Action provides a wide range of services that are unduplicated elsewhere in the county. Most of these services meet immediate, critical needs and all have a direct and positive impact on people's lives. The following services were provided by Community Action to eligible residents of Chester from July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995.

20 households received Fuel Assistance, a program that provided a financial grant of up to \$585 to income eligible households to assist with energy-related expenses; some households also received budget and energy counseling and/or furnace cleaning services.

2 homes were weatherized through the Weatherization or Energy Management Services Programs, which provide high quality energy conservation materials and skilled labor to weatherize homes of income-eligible and high energy-using households in order to reduce heating costs and conserve energy.

14 children and day care providers participated in the Family Day Care Program, which provides training and technical assistance to day care providers and sponsorship of the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program.

6 child care referrals were arranged through the Child Care Resource and Referral Program, which compiles current data on all available child care options, provides child care referrals to employees of participating companies as well as to the general public, and expands the supply of quality child care by recruiting, training and assisting new child care providers.

6 hours of service were provided through Family Support Programs, which provide support services, transportation and preventive child care to support and stabilize families at risk of child abuse through the Accompanied Transportation and Family Resource & Support Programs.

35 women, infants and children received help through the WIC or Commodity Supplemental Food Programs: WIC offers supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education, breast-feeding support and health care screening/referrals to preg-

nant women, nursing mothers, infants and children up to the age of five; the Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides monthly allotments of commodity foods and nutrition education materials to senior citizens, postpartum women and 5 year old children.

2 children were enrolled in Head Start, a comprehensive early childhood development program that provides education, health, nutrition and family support services to income eligible pre-school children and their families.

156 food allotments were provided through the Surplus Food and Emergency Food Assistance Program: the Surplus Food Program distributed USDA surplus food to eligible households through mass distributions held four times each year; the Emergency Food Assistance Program distributes food to emergency food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters throughout Rockingham County.

5 food allotments were provided through the Emergency Food Pantry, which provides temporary emergency supplies of non-perishable food to households facing severe economic hardship.

In addition to these major programs, much of our staff time is devoted to working with people who come to us seeking help. During the past year, we logged 85 calls or visits from Chester residents, many of which were crisis calls involving fuel or utility problems, the lack of food or clothing, or general financial needs. By working closely together with local and state welfare administrators, fuel and utility companies, other human service agencies and interested clergy and civic groups, we are able to link those in need with the services available to them.

The services provided by our staff, together with the programs provided by our agency, have a direct and significant effect on Chester's welfare budget. If our services were decreased due to lack of funding, the town would experience a resulting increase in requests for local welfare assistance.

Since the services we provide greatly relieve the towns we serve of the full financial burden of providing for the needs of their low-income residents, we ask every community we serve to make a financial contribution to our agency based upon the level of service we have provided to its residents. The amount we request equals 4.5% of the total dollar value of services we provided during the previous fiscal year, which means that we request \$4.50 for every \$100.00 we provided in direct services.

From July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995, Community Action provided \$54,511 in services to Chester residents. We are therefore requesting the town of Chester to contribute 4.5% of this amount, or \$2,453. The town of Chester has contributed to our agency for many years, and we extend our appreciation to you for your continued support.

Cordially,
Connie Young
Outreach Center Director
Greater Salem Community Action Center

Report of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help the dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants who are selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of your appointed representatives, the Commission staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local or site-specific projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of your Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, and other relevant municipal department heads. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps your officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation, and offers training workshops for Planning and Zoning Board members on an annual basis.

Services that were performed for the Town of Chester during the past year are as follows:

1. Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture meetings. Chester officials were invited to these meetings.
2. Conducted a six-hour training workshop for the Planning Board members. The Chester Planning and Zoning Board members were invited to the meetings.
3. Conducted traffic count on one location in the Town of Chester.
4. Updated the town's road base map using the GPS (Global Positioning System).
5. A "Housing Needs Assessment" for the SNHPC region, which includes information for the Town of Chester, was forwarded to the Planning Board and the Public Library.
6. Provided two videos for the use of the Planning Board members.
7. Provided demographic data to the Chester School Committee.

Chester's Representatives to the Commission

Albert W. Hamel

Andrew L. Hadik

Executive Committee Member: Albert W. Hamel, Treasurer

EMERGENCY SERVICES

POLICE: Emergency # -911

887-3229

Calls for Service

887-2080

Unattended Business Line

887-2090

Animal Control Answering

Machine

FIRE: Emergency #—911

887-3878

Non-Emergency (Fire House)

Permits required for all open fires. Arrangements for permits may be obtained by calling:

Raymond I. Dolloff, Jr.

Stephen Tunberg

Scott St. Clair

Steven Childs

887-3809

887-5790

887-4556

887-4558

MEDICAL

Derry Area Ambulance Service: 911

Parkland Medical Center: 432-1500

Poison Center, Mary Hitchcock Hospital, Hanover, NH: 643-4000

Rockingham Visting Nurse Association: 432-7776

TOWN FACILITIES

Disposal Area, Route 102

Saturdays, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

LIBRARY

887-3404

Monday, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.;

Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (During school sessions)

Closed Saturdays in July & August

CHURCH SERVICES

Chester Congregational Baptist Church

4 Chester Street

Sunday 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

St. Jerome's Mission

Chester Congregational Baptist Church

Lord's Day Mass, Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Bible Church

Rod and Gun Club Road

Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

MEETINGS/OFFICE HOURS

(Town Hall Closed When School is Cancelled Due to Snow
and for State of New Hampshire Holidays.)

Selectmen Meetings: Monday Night (As Posted) - 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Please call 887-4979 for an appt., Office open Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Town Clerk & Tax Collector - Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Monday evening: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Phone 887-3636.

Fire Meeting - 1st Tuesday of the month; Firehouse.

Board of Adjustment - 3rd Wednesday of month.

Office Hours: Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon. Phone: 887-5629

Planning Board - 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesday of the month.

Office Hours: Tues & Thurs. - 9:00 am - 1:00 p.m. Phone: 887-5629

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer - Hours: Mon. and Weds. 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

Office behind Post Office.

Field inspections: Monday and Wednesday afternoons: 887-5552.

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Chester, NH 03036

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18 Library Way
Durham, NH 03824-3592

